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NOTICE.
I will attend at my office from the 7th to 12th of this month to list the taxable property, and also all special taxes for the Town Rutherfordton. Persons failing to list are liable by the ordinances of the Town to pay a double tax. See Ordinance in another column. March 1st 1870.
J. B. CARPENTER, Mayor.
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SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

REPORT.

To Lieutenant Governor Caldwell, President of the Senate.

The Commissioners appointed under "Senate resolution for Investigation," of January 24th, 1870, ask leave under the instructions to that effect recently received from the Senate, to submit the following report:

Although duly notified of their appointment shortly after it was made, it was deemed proper by the Commission not to enter upon their duties, until after the passage of a law which was prepared in the Senate, to ascertain and confirm the powers with which they had been invested under the original resolution. This occurred the 16th of February last, and upon the 18th, the Commission completed their organization by the appointment of Mr. Henry M. Miller, as Clerk, and ordered that certain persons should be summoned to attend before them as witnesses, upon various days in the orders mentioned.

For these names and days, as well as for other details of like character, the Commission ask leave to refer the Senate to their Journal, which is herewith submitted.

In the course of their labors, the Commission have examined, at length, the following persons, to wit:

Messrs. Edward Belo, Jesse R. Stubbs, William Johnson, Robert H. Cowan, I. F. Alderman, William Sloan, J. J. Mott, Samuel McD. Tate, R. F. Simonton, Calvin J. Cowles, A. J. Jones, Rufus Y. McAden, K. P. Battle, W. J. Hawkins, M. S. Littlefield, T. F. Lee, D. G. Fowle, H. C. Cowles, W. R. Richardson, J. H. Davis, W. F. Askew, T. S. Lutterloh, S. W. Watts and B. S. Guion.

None of the persons summoned before them have failed to appear except Mr. Geo. W. Swepson, for whom a summons, directing his appearance on the 3d day of March was placed in the hands of the Sheriff of Wake County upon the 22nd day of February. This was served upon him personally, on the 1st day of March, as appears by the Sheriff's return. Other notices of the same sort were issued for Messrs. Good M. Roberts Treasurer of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, W. D. and R. W. Pulliam, but owing to their absence in New York, as appears from the return these were not served.

It is proper to say here, once for all, that with the above exception no difficulty has been made by any one in regard to attendance; nor any in regard to interrogatories except in two instances which were allowed by the Commission; and that the officers of the State to whom there has been occasion to apply for information or assistance, have rendered it at once and cheerfully.

The Commission presume, that the chief object of the Senate in their appointment has been attained in the procurement and recording of the mass of evidence herewith submitted. The statements made by the witnesses under oath have been taken down in their presence, read over to them, first answer by answer, and, then, in the whole; and are further verified by their respective signatures. The Senate will judge whether the Commission have prosecuted their investigations in the proper direction as regards witnesses, and with the proper range of inquiry in each individual case.

The testimony will be found to cover two hundred and five manuscript pages. Although not inconsiderable in bulk, it is not complicated in detail; and the comparitive magnitude of the interests which it involves is such, that the Commission do not feel themselves justified in detaining the Senate with remarks upon the particulars of which it is composed, or in acting upon the supposition, that every part of it will not be subjected to an impartial and thorough scrutiny.

The Senate will find most of the results summed up in three schedules, which are hereto attached. Of these:

The *first* contains a statement of the details connected with the issue of State Bonds to the various Railroad Companies by the Treasurer, and was compiled by that officer for the use of the commission.

The *second* gives an account of the disposal of the Bonds after they came into the hands of the Companies.

The *third* shows the amounts in money for which the Bonds have been sold or hypothecated.

The Commission desired to propose a *fourth*, to exhibit at one view the principal items of expenditure by which these amounts had been partially, or totally exhausted; but upon consideration it was thought better to present this view in a body of the Report. The more because the information in regard to this matter is very general, and more nearly an approximation to the truth. It was not expected that the Commission should examine and verify vouchers for expenditures in detail. With the general objects [illegible] time allowed for their operations, this was impracticable. An examination of the testimony will show other reasons why, in any case, only an approximation could be had. In deed this is true as well in regard to the figures representing the amounts received by the companies upon the sale or hyyothication of the Bonds. By referance to the testimony of Messrs. McAden and Jones, explanations will be found going to show that by the rules of New York stockboard a deduction is made for all North Carolina Bonds issued after July 1st, 1868, at the rate of six per cent per annum upon their face. So not a Bond dated Oct. 1st 1859, if apparently sold at twenty-five dollars in the hundred would in the first instance be subject to a deduction of seven and one-half dollars, and they net to the company but seventeen dollars and a half, less taxes and commissions for sales.

To complete, then, the general view afforded by the schedules, the commissions and the following statements, obtained from the evidence herewith submitted, in regard to each one of the companies that have received appropriations from the State since May 1st, 1865.

I. THE WESTERN N. C. R. R. COMPANY. (W. D.)

To this, issued between January 20th October 2nd, 1869, thorugh George W. Swepson 8367 State Bonds. Of these 3132 are said to have been sold, and 1824 hypothecated; and of the amounts received upon this accecount, our attention has been drawn to some $1.845,000,00 which appears in papers submitted by Gen. Littlefield. No testimony except hearsay has been submitted to the companies as to the dealings of Mr. Swepson with either the bonds or their proceeds. In the evidence of Gen. Littlefield will be found certain papers, unverified in any way, which he reports as having come into his hands from either Mr. Swepson, or Soutter and company, of New York.—He could give no assurance that they were correct. Mr. Swepson has at no time rendered to him an account of his transactions as President.

Gen. Littlefield charges himself with a certain sum of money as received from Mr. Swepson, and gives a statement of the manner in which that has been expended; but, excepting certain Florida Railroad Bonds turned over by Mr. Swepson, he could give no account of the manner in which the latter had disposed of either Bonds or proceeds. The papers and statements above referred to show that Mr. Swepson sold and hypothecated the 5056 bonds mentioned above; that of thsir proceeds, he turned over to Gen. Littlefield $136,277 63; expended $277,383 31, of which for contractors and the Treasurer of the company, $27,311 41; invested $990,633 39, in Bonds of the Pensacola and Ga. Railroad Company and otherwise; and leaves unaccounted for about $640-000. The *bona fide* of Florida investment is understood to be a question not settled betwixt Mr. Swepson and the Company. It also, appears, that the figures submitted to the commission in this connection do not include the whole of the proceeds of that part of the Bonds which was hypothecated.

Gen. Littlefield's statements show he received as President of this Company from his predecessor, Mr. Swepson, $18,925 83 in cash and $113,946 13 in an order upon the New York National Trust Company, which held Bonds hypothecated by Mr. Swepson, and that of this, he paid the enurer of the Company $127,471 96, and otherwise $4,400—in all $131,871 96. He explained that the "protection" consisted in relieving these Bonds from certain legal difficulties by which they had been encumbered, previously to his taking office, in Florida.—He believes, that within a few days, this property of the said Company will be entirely disentangled and available.

II. THIS WESTERN N. C. R. R. COMPANY, (E. D.)

It will be seen that all of the Bonds issued to this Company have been either sold or hypothecated and the amount raised therefrom was $1,234,760 42. It appears from the evidence that all of this has been expended in various matters connected with the construction of the Railroad. The evidence of Messrs. Tate, Simonton, Mott and H. C. Cowles will be found interesting in this connection:

In addition thereto, there will be found exhibits, printed and in manuscript, containing official accounts rendered by the above persons to the Company, and to the commission.

III. THE W. C. AND R. R. CO.

The proceeds and hypothecation of the bonds issued to this Company are $1,029,548 67. Of this it appears that all excepting about $10,000 now on hand has been spent in such matters as are ordinarily connected with the construction of Railroads. The facts connected with this Road will be found in the evidence and exhibits submitted by Messrs. Cowan, Sloan, Alderman and C. J. Cowles.

Upon reference to Schedule No. 1, it will be seen that twenty-three of the bonds issued to this Company are charged to H. H. Robinson, and none delivered under the authority of the Act of 1866-'67, ch. 56. On reference to that Act, it will be found that these items have no connection with the subject matter of this investigation, being merely an exchange of that number of Bonds for others then in his possession.

IV. THE WILLIAMSTON AND TARBORO R. R. COMPANY.

All of the Bonds issued to this Company were sold to or by John F. Pickrell, of New York, for $160,948,57, and by the accounts rendered through the affairs of the Company, it appears to have been expended in the ordinary details of constructing Railroads. The evidence upon this item is in the deposition of Gen. Stubbs and the exhibits filed therewith.

V. THE NORTHWESTERN N. C. R. R. COMPANY.

All of the bonds issued to this Company have been returned to the State, "without prejudice," as is understood. Mr. Belo's deposition shows, that no use whatever was made of them while in his possession.

VI. THE CHATHAM R. R. COMPANY.

Of the 3200 bonds issued to the Company 1650 have been returned, "without prejudice," to the State. The proceeds from the 1502 that have been sold, are $935,627,29. The 48 under pledge are bound for a running account in the purchase of iron, the amount of which is not ascertained. The money realized from the sale of bonds appears to have been applied to the ordinary expenses of constructing Railroads, as well as, in small profits, to regular expenses connected with the defence of the Chatham Railroad case, as it is called. There is still upon hand $250,067,82. The evidence upon this item is given by Dr. Hawkins and accompanied by an exhibit from W. W. Vass as [illegible]

The proceeds from the sale of 55 State bonds and some coupons, are $51,193,13. Some $7,500 of this has been paid out for ordinary expenses and the remainder, $43,693,14, is upon deposit in the banking house of Jones & Lutterloh, at Fayetteville. Certificates were exhibited by the President, in the names of Utley & Dougherty and L. P. Bayne & Co., of New York, acknowledging that they hold for the Company, unencumbered, 1253 bonds; and 12 other bonds were shown the Commissioners in the hands of the President himself. The evidence is furnished by Messrs. Jones, Davis & Lutterloh.

VIII. THE ATLANTIC, TENN. AND O. R. R. COMPANY.

It will be seen, that no use has been made of these bonds in connection with the end for which they were issued; and no use whatever except in connection with the action brought in Wake Court in the name of Robert C. Kehoe against the said Company and the State Treasurer, of which a transcript is herewith filed. The object of that suit apparently was to restrain the issuing of bonds upon the allegation that they were unconstitutional and thus void. An injunction was obtained upon that allegation. The suit, however, was compromised, and the injunction vacated before any term of the Court had occurred, by the Company's agreeing to pay to the attorneys of the plaintiff seventy-five bonds, after the same should be issued. In the event, it happened that 77 bonds were so paid; and besides, that 86 others were expended by the Company in some connection with the suit. It does not appear what their connection was, or that the plaintiff was interested therein. Apparently his claims were satisfied by the 77.

The commission refer to the evidence of Messrs. Johnson, McAden, Sloan, Battle, Fowle, Littlefield, Watts, Lee and Askew in this connection. It appears from a certificate of the Treasurer that 1597 of these bonds have been returned to the State.

The evidence of Messrs. Hawkins, Tate, Sloan and Guion, details, amongst other matters, circumstances bearing upon the questions: How far any of the Bonds, issued since May 1st., 1865, or the proceeds of such Bonds, have been used to forward Legislation, for these and like appropriations. For the rest, it will be seen that with two exceptions, in which persons claimed and were allowed the privilege of not testifying upon that point, direct and full details have been made, by everywitness supposed to have any information thereabouts, of any knowledge in regard to such use of the said Bonds or their proceeds.

It will doubtless be borne in mind, that the investigation of the Commission into these matters was by the Senate expressly limited to any improper employment *of those Bonds, or any of their proceeds.*

Some evidence of an application of those Bonds or their proceeds to private purposes, will be found in the depositions of Gen. Littlefield and Messrs. Jones, Tate and Lutterloh. Otherwise, such application has been denied.

The Commission have not drawn upon the funds set apart by the General Assembly for their expenses.

A certified statement thereof accompanies this report. It would be found that including the fees of officers for summoning witnesses, and of the Clerk of Wake County for a transcript, they amount to $20,13. This does not [illegible] occassion to say, has been very laboriously employed—often late into the night. The Commission, in order to comply with the instructions of the Senate for an early report, have been under the necessity of employing a second Clerk for the last night, and two days of their session.

Respectfully submitted.
THOS. BRAGG,
S. F. PHILLIPS,
WILL. L. SCOTT.
Raleigh, March 12th, 1870.

To Young Men.

The only way by which capital can increase is by saving. If you spend as much as you get, you will never be richer than you are. It is not what a man gets, but what he saves that constitutes his wealth. Go, learn the first two rules of Arithmetic; learn addition and subtraction. Add to your present capital; any amount will not be the same as the first. Every man should, in every year of his life, make some addition to his capital. You say you get but little. Never mind: spend less than little; then next year you will get more, for you will have the profit upon the sum you save.

The practice of running up stairs, so often exercised by young people esrecially, is said to be ruinous to health. An eminent physician is reported to have once said that he would not go up stairs faster than a walk if the house was on fire, and he had valuable property to save. Much walking up stairs is especially injurious to women, and frequent running up stairs is a sure ticket to heart disease.

The farmers in the neighborhood of Vienna, Fairfax county, have given public notice that they will enforce laws against trespassers on their lands for the purpose of hunting. This is done to protect the birds which live principally on insects, and consequently are the farmers best friends.—Persons who have made close observation on this subject say that insects injurious to vegetation are multiplying to a fearful extent.—*Alexander Gazette.*

A wrought iron chimney, two hundred and seventy five feet high, is in the course of construction at Pittsburg.

THE STAR.

J.B. CARPENTER. R. W. LOGAN.

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EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.

SATURDAY. MARCH 26, 1870.

Ku Klux Investigation.

Both the Editors have been closely engaged all week, in prosecuting for the State, in the investigation of persons charged with Ku Kluxing, &c.

We dislike to make appologies, but we know, that all good law abiding citizens, will look over any deficiency in our paper under such circumstances.

The Legislature.

A resolution to adjourn *sine die* on the 28th inst., has passed both houses.

The election bill has passed the House, and is now being considered in the Senate. It provides that on the first Thursday in August, an election shall be held for members of Congress, members of the Legislature, Attorney General, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Surveyor and five County Commissioners, in each County.

The Revenue Bill is under consideration in the Senate, it having passed the House. Among other provisions it is provided, that the State and County tax, shall not exceede 66⅔ cents on the $100 valuation of property, except in Counties where a special County tax has been authorised.

A bill for the completion of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad, has passed both houses providing for the issuing of certain mortgage bonds, which it is thought can be disposed of so as to complete the road at least to Shelby on our end of the road. We hope that the expectations of the Legislature may be realized in this respect.

A Bill has passed appointing Judge Henry and others, Commissioners to make settlements with former officers of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and road any assets which they may be able to get control of.

The Convention bill was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 25 to 10.

The Speaker of the House Hon. Jo. W. Holden, has resigned and W. A. Moore, of Chowan County has been elected in his stead.

The Senate has passed a resolution abolishing the penitentiary Commission, and placing the control of the same in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Works.

The Senate investigation Committee, Messrs. Bragg, Philips & Scott, have reported. See their report on our first page.

Barn Burnt.

We learn that on Thursday night last, the barn of Mr. W. P. Carson, of this county, was destroyed by fire, burning is thought to be the act of an incendiary.

Hon. H. J. Menninger.

The following is the report of the Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the office of Secretary of State. We are glad to see that the Committee report this all right. Mr. Menninger, the Secretary of State, is a good and efficient Officer, and we are satisfied that this office has never been kept better, than since he has had charge of it:

The Committee appointed under the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, That Messrs. Winstead, Lindsay and Love be a Committee authorized to examine the affairs of the Secretary of State; that they investigate his accounts for stationery, etc.; compare his bills with his vouchers, in the office of the Treasurer of the State; compare his charges with the orders from the departments; examine the prices paid for stationery, and compare them with the wholesale prices of other houses dealing in the same articles, and if necessary, one of their number visit New York, to complete this investigation; also, that the Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and administer the oaths. Ratified 3rd day of Feb., 1870.": Have performed their duty, and respectfully report that they find nothing in the management of this department, under the existing laws, to disapprove. They find the Secretary of State well informed as to the duties of his office; they find that further legislation is necessary in the management of the department of State, and report a bill with a recommendation that it be passed. All of which is respectfully submitted. C. S. WINSTEAD,
J. M. LINDSAY,
W. L. LOVE.

W. C. & R. Railroad.

The following is the bill for the completion of the W. C. & R. Railroad, as passed by both branches of the Legislature.

Bill to enable the Wilmington Charlotte and Rutherford Company to complete their road and to authorize the return of bonds to the the State Treasury.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact.

Section 1. That the Public Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the President and Directors of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company, the five hundred thousand dollars of the first mortgage bonds of said Company, deposited in the State Treasury to indomnity the State in consequence of her endorsement of one million of dollars of the mortgage bonds of said Company, under, and by virtue of an Ordinance of the State Convention ratified the 5th day of February, 1863, entitled "an ordinance reducing the amount of bonds authorized to be issued by the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company," and the said President and Directors shall receive the same and apply them to the construction and completion of said road, and to no other purpose whatever; two-thirds of the proceeds of said bonds to be expended on the Eastern Division of the road and one-third on the Western Division.

Sec. 2. That the said Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company shall have authority to borrow money by the issue of bonds or evidence of debt, authenticated in such manner as the President and Directors may deem eight per cent principle and interest, payable at such time and place as said President and Directors may elect, the bonds so issued not to exceed two millions five hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. That to secure the payment of the said bonds or other evidences of debt, the said Company shall execute and deliver mortgage deeds, signed by the President, conveying all the franchise and property of the Company of whatever nature, which deed so executed and delivered and registered in the counties of Mecklenburg or New Hanover, shall have any lien or claim held by the State in the property so conveyed.

Sec. 4. That upon the acceptance of this act by the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company within ninety days after its ratification, it shall become a part of the charter of said Company. *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Public Treasurer upon the surrender to him of five hundred thousand dollars of State bonds, from delivering the bonds of the Company now in the Treasury, as is provided in section one of this act, and he is herdby instructed and required to make said delivery immediately after the ratification of this act.

Sec 5. That all laws and parts of laws coming in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall be in force from the date of its ratification.

Gold Decline.

It does not appear to be true, as stated, that any delegations from New York have applied to the Secretary of the Treasury to stay the downward tendency of the gold premium. It is pretty evident that the decline is a little more rapid than he had anticipated, but just so long as there is no general panic and the public credit is not injured he has seen no reason to change his public programme for March one way or the other. He feels that the decline in gold has assured the success of the funding scheme pending in Congress.—*Wil. Star.*

Affairs in Tennessee.

The condition of Tennessee is growing worse and worse under democratic rule, so much so, that Gov. Senter has found it necessary to make a requisition on President Grant for troops, to aid the civil authorities in keeping peace, and preventing murder and bloodshed.

We have before called the attention of our readers, to the results of democratic rule, in Tennessee and Georgia, and as the election in this State is not far off, it is time they were preparing to keep control from falling into their hands. If they should be successful in this State in August next, our condition would be intolerable, and murders by the Ku Klux and midnight assassins, would be nightly occurances. Let our people take warning in time, and *never* trust the reins of Government to such a party.

Washinton News

Washington, March 18.—In the House the Pacific Railroad Committee resolved to report a bill incorporating the Kansas, Missouri & Texas Railroad. The Reconstruction Committee had a prolonged session over Tennessee. Result not transpired. Judiciary Committee except Rice are unanimous against seating Ames as Senator from Mississippi. In the Senate Kellogg introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury within six months to transfer the mint, lan s and buildings to the city of New Orleans.

Washington, March 18.—Gen. Bennett, ex-Revenue Supervisor of North Carolina, has been arrested and will be taken to Raleigh charged with conspiracy to defraud the government. The President is preparing a message about troops for Tennessee. Norton's amendment to the Georgia bill, authorizing the enrolment of the militia, was adopte l. The bill for the improvement of the Cape Fear river was discussed. The Georgia bill is being discussed. Ne son offered an amendment making the term date from Jan. 1st, 1870. Schruz favored Bingham's amendment and spoke severely against the proposition to extend the term of the Legisl ture beyond the legal term.

High Time in Richmond.

Richmond, March, 18.—A contest of authority between the newly appointed city authorities and the old incumbents has arisen. Cahoon refuses to give up the office to Mayor Ellison, elected Wednesday night by the City Council. Both officers have sworn in a number of special police—Cahoon including in his number, twenty colored men. The old police force is divided equally. Ellison has posession of all the public buildings except the station house.

Cahoon appealed to Gov. Walker who refused to acknowledge his claims, as his competitor was legally elected and he (Cahoon] is ineligible. Ex-Gov. Wise, Judge Hughes and E. J. Chandler are counsel for Cahoon Cahoon, with 30 of his men, are besieged at the State House by the Ellison party, who have cut off the gas and refused any sort of supplies of provisions or water.

A crowd of colored men bought out a bakers shop and endeavored to throw the bread to the besieged through the windows, but were driven off by special police.

Gen. Canby ordered the release of Cahoon.—Judge Underwood was selected to settle the matter. Great excitement, and little or no business going on in the city.

LATER.

Richmond, Va., March 18.—This afternoon, Gen. Canby interferred in municipal troubles by sending a guard of Soldiers and raising the siege at lower station house, and giving free egress and ingress to all having business there. This action, he says, has no reference to the question of the Mayorality, but is taken purely as a precaution against any act of discord or violence.—This action is applauded by the friends of Cahoon, and was protested against by Ellison as an unwarrantable interference with the civil law of the State. When the military took possession of the station house, Mayor Ellison's police left, and being rocked by the crowd of colored men, charged them.

About fifty shots were fired and two or three colored men wounded. Affairs have since quieted down. To-morrow both Mayors will have a police force on the streets, and hold independent courts. Trouble is apprehended. The Council is in session to-night considering what is to be done.

Later—The city council to-night passed an ordinance abolishing the station houses, now in the hands of Cahoon's police an authorizing Mayor Ellison to call out the fire brigade as police, pledgeing the city to pay all special police sworn in by Ellison, and authorizing the city court to be held in the city hall, and pledging Mayor Ellison earnest support of the council in his efforts to maintain the peace of the city against the lawless men of conspiring against it. The city is quiet this evening. The casualities of the day have been one man killed and three wounded. Cahoon has his headquarters at Cover station house, where the military guard is.—Ellison's headquarters are at City Hall. Ellison's police patrol the city to-night.—*Standard.*

Causes of the Decline in Gold

The problem of the resumption of specie payments, over which the financial heads of the country have so long ached and puzzled in vain, seems at last to be about to be solved, in a very different manner from what was expected. The tide of capital, as well as population from Europe, has taken a westerly direction, and it is to the influx of gold for investment in Government bonds and the cotton crop that the result is mainly to be ascribed. This result, so unlooked for, shows how closely the commercial relations of the two countries are becoming interwoven, and how impossible it will be to predict the future course of [illegible] broad and comprehensive to embrace the causes influencing it upon both sides of the Atlantic. So great has been the accumulation of capital in the moneyed centres of Europe, that after expending millions of dollars upon each gigantic enterprises as the Suez canal and the Mount Cenis tunnel, and innumerable smaller enterprises, large sums have been invested in permanent securities yielding only two or three per cent interest per annum, a rate which has been frequently paid per month in this country during the past few years.

Capital, whatever may be the form it assumes, whether of buildings, merchandise, money, or anything else which represents it, is the result of labor. Whenever obtained without labor, as by fraud, gambling, or gift, it is simply a transference, one party losing what the other gains.

When to the effective force of a dense laboring population in Europe, through many years of comparative peace, we add the incalculable power of the mechanical industries, the mystery disappears and we can readily see how the increase in capital far outstrips the increase in population, and after exhausting the different modes of investment in that country flows in to relieve the necessities of ours.—*Richmond Whig.*

Cotton Farming in Cumberland has increased until it is thought 3500 acres will be cultivated in the county this year. Several farmers are preparing to plant 100 acres each or more, and with ordinary season and management, the 3500 acres will yield at least 1500 bales of 400 lbs. each. Cotton farming will be new business to many who are engaging in it here, and we hope they will not calculate extravagantly, and incur imprudent expense.—*Eagle.*

Oscar Alson, well and favorable known by all the citizens of Warren county, says the *Gazette*, has returned to his old home to spend the remnant of his well spent life, Oscar was emancipated by his master, Dr. Alston, in 1831, according to the State law at that date was required to dwell in a free State. He went to Ohio, where he has since lived, and by thrift and economy, he amassed a fortune, or enough to make him comfortable.

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Town Ordinances.

The Commissioners of the Town of Rutherfordton do ordain:

1. That all persons living within the incorporate limits of said town, liable by Law to work on the public roads, Be and they are hereby required to work on the streets and roads in said Town six days in each year, or forfeit and pay to the Mayor 75 cents for each day that they may fail so to work, to be sued for and recovered as other taxes and fines are: Provided, that in the discretion of the Mayor, such work may be rendered by substitute.
2. That any person or persons who shall engage in any fight, riot, or unlawful assembly, or who shall be guilty of unbecoming conduct or make use of unbecoming language or shall curse or swear, or loud talk to the annoyance of the citizens of said Town, shall be fined at the discretion of the Mayor not to exceed twenty five dollars.
3. That if any person shall discharge any fire arms, except in cases of actual necessity, or by permission of the Mayor within the following boundries, viz commencing, at the Blacksmith shop on the Hickory nut road, then a straight line to the west side of A. H. Roberts' lot, then a straight line to the Twitty's ford road, 100 yards west of Mrs. Corbett's, then a straight line to the Bridge south of J. M. Justices' residence, then with said branch 50 yards east, then a straight line to the ford of Ginghorns Creek, near the Mineral Spring, then with said creek to a point opposite the Male Academy, then to the beginning, shall pay a fine of $1 for each offence.
4. That any person or persons, who shall engage in driving, racing or running horses through the streets, at such speed as to endanger life or property, shall be at the discretion of the Mayor not to exceed five dollars.
5. That if any person or persons shall allow his or their horses, mules or other dangerous animals to run at large through the streets, (drivers excepted) shall be fined one dollar for each such offence.
6. That any person or persons who shall obstruct any public street or sidewalk by placing thereon, any wood, timber or other thing, and allowing the same to remain more than twenty-four hours shall pay a fine of one dollar for each day such obstruction shall remain.
7. That any grocer, bar keeper, or other person engaged in the sale of spirituous liquors, shall sell or give away, any spirituous or malt liquors on the Sabbath day shall pay a fine of one dollar for each such offence.
8. That any person who shall ride or hitch any horse, or other animal upon any sidewalk in said Town or any shade tree on the public square, shall pay for each offence one dollar.
9. That all persons trading within the limits of said town be and they are hereby required to return to the Mayor, on or before the 1st day of April, a full and complete list of all subjects of taxation under the ordinances, and upon failure to list the same shall be liable to pay a double tax.
10. That in default of the payment of any fine due for the violation of any of the Town Ordinances, the person or persons so defaulting may be imprisoned not more than thirty days, at the discretion of of the Mayor. Provided, that they may be released at any time upon payment of the fine and costs.
11. That any person or persons, who shall retail spirituous liquors within said incorporation, except those who obtain a regular license shall pay a fine of twenty five dollars for each offence, one half recovered to go to the informer.
12. That these ordinances shall go into effect, ten days from day of publication.
13. That all persons having claims due them from the Town of Rutherfordton, be and they are hereby required, to present the same duly authenticated, before the Commissioners of said Town to be audited and passed upon, before such claim shall be paid.
14. That the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Town of Rutherfordton, shall be on the first Thursday in each month.
15. That for the purpose of raising sufficient revenue to defray the necessary expenses and for making repairs in said Town, the the following tax be levied, and collected on the subjects of taxation mentioned below, viz:

Real and Personal Property (subject to exemption of two hundred dollars of household and kitchen furniture)—25 cents on the $100.

Lawyers	$5.00
Physicians	5.00
Circus and Menagerie	25.00
Side Shows	10.00
Slight of hand Performers	10.00
Magic Lantern Lecturers, or other exhibitions for pay	5.00
Itinerant Auctioneers	5.00
Silversmiths and Jewelers	2 50
Itenerant, " "	5.00
Dentists	5.00
Retailers of Spiritous Liquors	75.00
Dry Good Stores	6.00
Daguerican or Photographic Artist	5.00
Tailor Shops	2.00
Blacksmith Shops	2.00
Wagon and Carriage Shops	3.00
Cabinet Shops	3.00
Printing Offices	5.00
Insurance Agents, Life or Fire,	5.00
Tan Yards	3.00
Hotels	5.00
Private Boarding Houses	3.00
Boot and Shoe Shops	2.00
Harness and Saddle Shops	2.00
Tin Shops	2.50
Every Dog, over 6 months old	.25
Every Hog over 3 months old,	10
Every Itenerent retail dealer in Carriages, Buggies, Wagons, Guns, Tobacco, or Tin Ware, not the growth or manufacture of Rutherford County	3.00
Clerk of Superior Court	3.00
Register of Deeds,	2.00
County Treasurer,	2.00

16. All persons liable for Special Tax, shall only be required to pay a proportion equal to the whole amount for the year, from the time of the commencement thereof.
17. That these ordinances are published and declared this 15 day of February 1870.

J. B. CARPENTER, Mayor.

The Bee-Keepers' Journal

and National Agriculturist for January, contains many interesting and valuable articles illustrated with appropriate engravings, in its five departments of "Bee-Keeping," "Agriculture," "Home and Fireside," "Ladies' and Youth's Department." The articles "The New Honey Extractor," "The New York Poultry Show," "The Australian Bee-Hunter," each illustrated by a beautiful engraving, and the method of fertilizing Italian Queen in confinement by any drone desired, are especially interesting. On the front page is a fine portrait of Mrs Ellen S. Tupper, America's most distinguished lady writer on bee culture, and one of the editors of the Journal. The February number will contain the portrait of Francis Huber, the celebrated, blind bee-keeper of Europe, to be followed by the portraits of Dzierzon, Berlepsch, and all the leading apiarians of Europe and America. This is a new feature following other improvements made since the removal and consolidation, and yet the publishers furnish the Journal at $1,00 a year One sample copy sent Free. Address

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REPUBLICAN MEETING!

There will be a Meeting of the Republicans of Rutherford County, held at the Court House, on Monday of our Court. Let every Republican attend.

Republicans from adjoining Counties are invited to be present.

MANY REPUBLICANS.

PUBLIC MEETING!

The Republicans of Polk County, will hold a public meeting in Columbus, on Saturday 9th April. At which time every body is invited to attend, as matters of importance will likely be considered. A cordial invitation is extended to friends of adjoining Counties, to attend the meeting. VOTER.

Fall Elections.

It is now quite certain that there will be an election in August, for members of the Senate and House for Register of Deeds, County Commissioners, Sheriff and Coroner.

It becomes the Republican party to select its very best men. It has good men, men who are fully qualified to fill with dignity and honor the places which will soon be open to them. The party has had two years to look about, see who were truest and best, and today we can if we will, make some most excellent selections.—*Newberne Times.*

Grant and Tennessee.

The following is what the President said to the Tennessee Congressional delegation which called on him on Thursday:

I regret very much the condition of things in Tennessee, and will do my best to check these outrages. I will take the whole matter into consideration. We have troops to spare and I will see if we cannot send them through the State, so as to have a moral effect at least, also to aid the United States Marshal and his deputies in carrying out the laws of the general government and the decrees of United States Courts. As to the fifteenth amendment, I am sure its provisions will be carried out in every State, as Congress is now engaged in preparing a law for that purpose. I will certainly give this matter due attention. I will consult with the Secretary of war and see what can be done.

Shocking Matricide.

Mrs. Sarah Rimer, of Rowan county, was killed on the 5th inst. by her son, Rufus J. Rimer, under circumstances of unusual horror. We learn from the *Examiner*, that the matricide, who is considered partially deranged cut off one of his fingers with an axe, and as his mother was binding up the wound, he became incensed at the pain. He then seized a hearthstone, and following his mother out into the yard, beat out her brains with it. Next building a fire in the house, he laid the body upon it, and deliberately went to bed. On the following morning he repaired to the house of a neighbor, and announced that he had burnt his mother. The startled people at once went back with the unhappy man, and found the old lady, or what remained of her lying in the fire-place, almost entirely consumed. Rimer was at once arrested and lodged in the county jail.—*Peoples Press.*

The following table shows the outstanding obligations of the several States contracted prior to the legal tender act, and which fall within the operation of Chief Justice Chase's decision:

Pennsylvania	$ 9,689,000
New York (less sinking fund) about	14,839,000
Louisiana (exclusive of Consolidated Bank and Citizens Bank loans)	3,918,000
Massachusetts	11,898,000
North Carolina	13,116,000
Arkansas	3,483,000
Maine	1,196,000
Vermont	627,000
Ohio	10,114,000
Maryland	6,128,000
New Hampshire	889,000
Indiana, about	1,500,000
Georgia	2,542,000
Iowa	300,000
New Jersey	1,399,000
Missouri	12,753,00
Illinois	5,003,000
Rhode Island	30,000
Michigan (including school fund)	5,182,000
Connecticut	4,000,000
Tennessee railroad	23,496,000
Kentucky	2,895,000
Kansas	150,000
Virginia	32,808,000
South Carolina, about	4 121,000
Alabama	4,175 000
Total	$185,334,000

Exchange.

The following extract, and the comments preceding it, we clip from the Charlotte *Democrat:*

"Royal Americans:—A correspondent, writing from Washington City, gives a glowing description of a recent reception party of the President of the United States. Let the poor tax-payers hear what he says about the dresses of some of our rulers:

"Mrs. Grant was splendid in a robe of ruby velvet, with her portly shoulders subdued under a fichu of point d'Alencon, and some of the same dainty garniture about the short and small sleeves. A medalhon of the President was the charm at her throat. Exhausted with fatigue upon receiving she was obliged to relinquish her place and sat apart from the throng surrounded with a few friends.

"Mrs. Hamilton Fish stood near the President after Mrs. Grant retired. Her toilet was of the costliest description—a delicate mauve satin with flounces of point lace half a yard deep, and yards and yards of similar pattern about the waist and sleeves. Her ornaments were of diamonds and pearls—a necklace and cross of diamonds."

It might be proper to ask.—What of it? Nobody doubts the truth of the assertion that Mrs. Grant wears good clothes, nor that Mrs. Secretary Fish wears diamonds; but what the "poor tax-payers" have got to do with it we don't understand.

Nobody can sympathize with the poor men, more than we do (being of them,) nor wish for more economy in the administration of national affairs, but Gen. Grant gets no more salary than any of his predecessors, and we have never heard that he appropriated anything more than was actually his, and if he prefers to use some of his money towards making Mrs. Grant presentable at a reception, its nobody's business as far as we know.

Mrs. Fish was pretty well gotten up. Why shouldn't she be? Her husband is Vice-President of a wealthy railroad corporation, and having some little money in his own right and his salary as Secretary of State, he ought to be able to dress his wife pretty well.

It is foolishness to talk about "poor tax-payers" every time a lady or gentleman connected with the government department at Washington, happens to wear jewels or silk. The people don't take any stock in such foolishness, why should newspapers try to impose upon them in that way?

The Funding Bill.

The Funding and Banking bill, introduced by Senator Sherman, and which has passed the Senate, provides for the following:

1. That $400,000,000 five per cent. ten-twenty year bonds be issued at par for gold or for present five-twenty year bonds. The gold to be used for redemption of five-twenty bonds.

2. That $400,000,000 four and a half per cent. fifteen-thirty year bonds be issued at par for gold or any Government debt bearing a higher rate of coin interest.

3. That an unlimited amount of four per cent. twenty-forty year bonds be issued, as the Secretary of the Treasury may decide necessary, in exchange for any indebtedness of the United States, including legal tenders.

4. Total exemption from taxes.

5. That coupons be paid abroad as well as here.

6. Agents to be appointed here and abroad to sell and negotiate the loan, and not more more than 1 per cent. to be paid them.

7. Reserve $150,000,000 each year out of import duties for payment of interest and reduction of principal of public debt. Bonds now or hereafter to be held by the Treasurer in the "Sinking Fund" and "Special Fund" shall be canceled and destroyed.

8. After October 1, 1880, no other bonds than those under this act shall be received as security for National Bank circulation and two thirds of such bonds must be of the 4 per cent. issue. Existing National Banks must withdraw their securities and substitute bonds as above.

9. No bank can receive over 80 per cent. of the par value of bonds deposited.

10. Any bank can pay legal tender notes to any amount to the Treasurer, and receive circulating notes thereof, based on the 4 per cent. bonds, without limitation, and said legal tender notes shall be canceled and destroyed.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.

Three Men fall from a Painters' Scaffold, Seventy Foot from the Ground, and are Instantly Killed.

A sad accident, which resulted in the death of three painters, and the imminent peril of a fourth, occured about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, on the southeast corner of Lake street and Wabash avenue. The men were in the employ of F. C. Johnson, who had the contract for painting the five-story brick building Nos. 29 and 21 Lake street, occupied by Messrs. Doggett, Bassett & Hills, wholesale dealers in boots and shoes. In order to reach the spaces above and below the windows, a scaffolding about forty feet long and two feet wide was used for ascending This was suspended from the roof on the Lake street front by blocks and tackle, a set on each end and one in the centre, the latter of which fastened to two parts of the scaffolding together.

It was rigged about a quarter after 9 o'clock in the morning, and to test its strength the four men who were to work got upon it. No defect could be of served. it was run up until opposite the fifth-story windows and made fast. The men then ascended to these windows, and upon taking their position on the staging were hoisted up until near the roof and commenced their work.

Only a small space had been painted over when an iron bolt, to which the centre tackle was attached, broke, causing the two parts to separate and three of the men to fall headlong to the ground, a distance of sixty-eight feet. The fourth (Johnson,) who was near the roops which supported the left side, clutched them and held on until Mr. Johnson, his brother, who was on the roof, caught him by the coat collar and pulled him over the cornice.

The three men who fell was immediately taken into the store. One of them, William Greeman, who had his neck, arms, and legs broken, and received internal injuries, survived only a few moments. Another, a young German, whose name is unknown, and who had gone to work for Mr, Johnson, that morning, for the first time, also had his neck, arms, and legs, broken. He lived about half an hour. The remaining one, Thomas Flyn, struck on his head and besides fracturing his skull in several places received severe internal injuries. He died in three quarters of an hour.—*Chicago Tribune.*

A Heavy Swindle—A Big Gun Goes Off.

A man calling himself Wm. Cannon and claiming to be from the District of Columbia, has been figuring in our community for some months past as a land buyer, but as it now turns out as a huge swindler. He spent at leat a month in bargaining for the farm of our townsman, Mr. WcC. Montague, and finally agreed to take it at $43,000, together with the stock, &c., thereon. He was put in possession about a month since, and from our actions led people to believe that he was a substantial farmer. On Sunday night, however, he left for parts unknown and developed his true character, to the loss and inconvenience of some of our fellow-citizens On the evening of that day he borrowed of C. L. Pierce, Esq., $175, and of Mr. J. K. Montague a sum of money, depositing with each a box of gold as collatteral security.—He then took his wife to the depot and started her to Lynchburg under the pretence that she was going to see her sister who was sick in that city, whilst he took across the country on a horse he had bought conditionally, but never paid for. On opeuing the boxes of gold Monday morning, that was left with Mr. Pierce was found to contain two old brick, and the one with Mr. Montague a couple of rocks from the farm. It is thought the main part of the swindle is yet to be developed, as no one can conceive of the idea that a man would go to so much trouble for so little profit. Parties have gone in pursuit of the fugitive, but up to the present writing he had not been captured.—*Christainburg Messenger,*

Give us Schools.

Now that every American citizen is a voter, and therefore has a voice in the government of the nation, it is necessary that they act and vote intelligibly. The surest and safest way to make men do right is to educate them. Let them konw for themselves that wrong is not only a crime but a sin, let them know for themselves that he is only a man who is intelectually, and everybody will want to learn.

It is a plensing fact that the cause of education flourishes when ever it is given a foot hold That considering their advantages, the ignorant classes in the South are making great advances. It is encouraging, to those who know that without education a people must fall below the standing of oth r nations, to see the improvments now going on in that respect. But we need more schools, and must have them. Both for white and colored children. Pride for the standing of the State among her sisters, should prompt a desire for a more general school system. Let us have it.—*Times.*

One night last week the Legislature gallantly premitted the use of one of the halls of the State Capitol to a Mrs. Oliver, a lady of the the strong-minded persuasion, who desired to instruct the Raleighites in the beauties of Woman's Rights. The night came, and so did the orators, but the ladies of Raleigh, let it be penned to their credit, concluded that they understood their "rights" as well as anybody, and that among them was the right to preserve their native delicacy by keeping a fool from all such ridiculous affairs. Consequently, the "speakist" succeeded in achieving a grand failure.—*Ex*

Dissatisfied.

One of our cleverest subscribers who has lately gone to Tennessee is so far very much dissatisfied with his new move. He writes back that the men out there who can curse the biggest oath, drink the most whiskey, and kills the most squirrels on Sunday, is considered the best out.—*Recorder.*

Strange if True.

A private letter to a gentleman now in this city, states that a woman in Rowan county, recently gave birth to six animals resembling puppies in general appearance, except that they have but two legs and two feet each. They have long ears and other features of a dog. The letter states that they are still living and have been seen by several persons.—*Raleigh Sentinel.*

Fish Market.

The market for herrings and shad is well supplied, and consequently there has been a tumble in prices. Yesterday shad could be purchased at forty and fifty cents a pair, and herrings were sold at a cent apiece.—*Newbern Commerce.*

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We publish below the report of the Governor and Superintendent of Public Works, giving a synopsis of the answers of the various railroad Presidents, made to them according to the requirements of law. The report will be read with interest throughout the State.

REPORT.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Raleigh, March 15, 1870.

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of North-Carolina:

GENTLEMEN: Under "an act to restore the credit of the State and facilitate the construction of our unfinished railroads," ratified 5th day of February, 1870, we have the honor to submit the following report:

We entered at once on our duties under this act. Notices were issued to the different Railroad Presidents, requiring them within twenty days from the service of the notice, to report under oath to the undersigned, a statement showing the following items:

1. What amount of bonds of the State was received by such President or other public officer from the Public Treasurer, or from any predecessor in office of such President or other officer, with the respective date of reception.

2. What amount of such bonds have been sold, in what markets. With the respetive dates of such reception.

3. What amount of such bonds have been, or are now hypothecated, to whom so hypothecated, when hypothecated, for what purpose, and what amount of money has been realized by such hypothecation.

4. What amount of such bonds remain on hand unsold, or have been turned over unsold to any successor of such President or other officer and if any, how much has been received by him on any unsold bonds of the State.

The Railroad Presidents aforesaid, were also required, in accordance with section 3 of said act, to return to the Public Treasurer, subject to the joint order of the Governor and Superintendent of Public Works all bonds of the State which have been issued under any authority of law, and which remained in the hands of any such President or other officer unsold or undisposed of; or in case any such bonds had been sold or exchange for money of other securities, the said President or other officers were required to deposit in the Public Treasury such money, proceeds, or securities, or so much thereof as he had not actually expended upon his Road.

E. Belo, President of the North Western North Carolina Railroad, was notified on the 12th February, 1870, and reported to us and filed his statement on the 22d of the same month.

It appears by his statements that he has received of the Public Treasurer one million and eighty thousand dollars in bonds. They were received in October last. He has sold none, and hypothecated none. He has received no interest on the bonds and all of them have been returned to the Public Treasurer.

J. R. Stubbs, President of Willamston & Tarboro' Railroad, was notified February 11th, 1870, and reported to us and held his statement on the 22d day of the same month.

It appears from his statement that on the 11th of November, 1868, he received three hundred thousand dollars in bonds. He sold these bonds for one hundred and sixty thousand nine hundred and forty eight dollars and forty seven cents. No account of sales rendered. He states that he has expended the proceeds of these bonds, and has no money on hand.

William Sloan, President of the Wilmington, Charlotte, and Rutherford, railroad, was notified February 11th 1870, and reported to us and filed his statement, March 25th.

It appears by his statement on the 13th October, 1869, he received five hundred thousand dollars in bonds; and on the 17th December, 1869, he received one million five hundred thousand dollars in bonds,

He states he has sold none of the bonds; that he has hypothecated one hundred thousand dollars of them with the National Bank of Wilmington, four hundred thousand dollars of them with Henry Clews & Co., of New York; two hundred thousand dollars of them with the New-York Guarantee and Indemnity Company, and one million of dollars of them with John F. Pickerel, of New York leaving three hundred thousand dollars of them in the bank unincumbered.

One million of dollars in Bonds is still in the Public Treasury, not having been called for or drawn out.

He states he has paid no interest, except in coupons for the first six months on the bonds he received.

No money and no bonds returned.

S. McDowell Tate, former President and Trustee of the Western North Carolina Road, reported to us and filled his statement on the second of March 1870. It appears by his statement that he has received in bonds two millions and sixty-seven thousand dollars; that he has sold these bonds at various times from Oct. 7th, 1868, to Feb. 1st, 1869, at prices ranging from 67⅝ to 24 cents in the dollar, making an average for all of 541-100; the whole amount realized for them being nine hundred and nine thousand eight hundred thirty-one dollars and sixty-one cents.

He states that he has in the Bank of the Republic three hundred and sixteen Bonds of one thousand dollars each, pledged for a debt of forty five thousand seven hundred twenty-seven dollars and six cents.

A. J. Jones, President of the Western Fayetteville road, was notified February 11th, 1870, and reported to us on the second of March.

He admits that he has received certain coupon Bonds of the State, but says he is advised by council that these bonds are the property of the Western Railroad company and he respectfully declines to deliver them up. He states he has been enjoined in the name of the stockholders against returning these bonds or their proceeds, and that the suit is pending and undecided.

M. Litlefield, President of the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Road, was notified Feb. 12th, 1870, and reported and filed his statement on the 14th of March. It appears by his statement that he has received no bonds from the Public Treasurer, but that he has received orders and receipts for bonds from his predecessor amounting in bounds to one million nine hundred and ninteen thousand dollars. He has recieved twenty of these Bonds of one thousand dollars each. He has sold none of them.

He states that he has been informed by parties holding these bonds that all the bonds but twenty of one thousand dollars each, above mentioned, have been sold to make up for loans obtained on them by hypothecation with the parties aforesaid.

He states there are other bonds in the hands of Soutter & Co.; amount not stated, on which moneys have been advanced to him, which he has applied to the use of the road. He says no interest has been received by him on coupons. He states that his predecessor received six million three hundred and sixty seven thousand dollars in bonds; that sales have been reported to him by his predecessor of three million one hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars in bonds at from 62½ to 43; that his predecessor has disposed of five millions two hundred and ninety-eight thousand dollars in bonds, leaving one million and sixty-nine thousand dollars in bonds unaccounted for. He says his predecessor has disbursed in cash one million five hundred and seventy seven thousand two hundred and fifty one dollars and ninety-eight cents, leaving a cash balance against him of two hundred and twenty-six thousand three hundred and eighty dollars and seventy-two cents.

He states he has in available collaterals from his predecessor one hundred and forty-six thousand nine hundred dollars, which are pledged to pay contractors for estimates now due. Besides this, there are investments by his predecessor in Railroad bonds, of seven hundred and twenty-six thousand two hundred and eighty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents. He says he has no money on hand.

The report is voluminous accompanied by tables, which must be examined to be fully understood.

William Johnston, President of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Road, reported to us and filed his account March 7th, 1870.

It appears by his statement that he received one million seven hundred and sixty thousand dollars in bonds on the 14th of September, 1869.

He states that he has sold none but that he has paid one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars in bonds to compromise a suit against his Company. He has returned the balance of his bonds to the Public Treasurer.

Robert H. Cowan, formerly President of Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Road, was notified Feburary 14th, 1870, and reported to us and filed his statments March 8th. It appears by his statement that he at one time received six hundred and twenty thousand dollars in bonds, which he disposed of for four hundred and five thousand one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and nineteen cents, that under an act of April, 1869, he received one million of dollars in bonds, which he disposed of for four hundred and thirty-six thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighty-four cents.

There are thirty bonds yet to be accounted for in the hands of Soutter & Co.

It appears that one million of dollars in bonds were disposed of in 1869, at a fraction over forty-three cents in the dollar, while others were realized between fifty and sixty cents, for State bonds.

J. J. Mott. President of the Western North Carolina road, was notified February 19th 1870, and reported to us and filed his statement March 11th. It appears by his statement that he received six hundred and thirteen thousand dollars in bonds; that he has sold one hundred and seventy thousand dollars in bonds, at prices ranging from forty-five to twenty-three and a half; and that he has hypothecated with Clews & Co. and Soutter & Co., the remainder, four hundred and forty-three thousand dollars in bonds.

The last sales were made in January 1870. He has received no interest from the State on his bonds.

W. J. Hawkins, President of the Chatham road, was notified February 15th, and reported to us and filed his statements March 11th. It appears from his statement that he received August 20th 1868, one million two hundred thousand dollars in bonds, and October 19th 1868, two million of dollars in bonds.

He has sold one million five hundred and two thousand dollars in bonds, for which he received nine hundred and thirty-five thousand six hundred and thirty-seven dollars and twenty-nine cents.

He has hypothecated forty-eight thousand dollars in bonds, and has returned to the Public Treasury one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in bounds.

He declines to return the proceeds he has on hand, as he thinks contractors and creditors of the road are entitled to them. Geo. W. Swepson, former President of the Western division, of the Western North Carolina road, was duly notified February 12th, 1870, but he has made no report and filed no statement with us. It appears from the foregoing statement that four million three hundred and twenty seven thousand dollars in bonds have been returned to the Public Treasury.

We have endeavored to discharge our duties properly and faithfully under the act. The act was ratified the 5th day Feb. 1870, and within one month and ten days we have been able to collect and present statements from all the railroad Pressdents but one.

These statements will, of course, be carefully examined by the General Assembly. This is necessary to a clear understanding of them, as it was not parcticable for us in the brief space allotted us to do more than present a brief synopsis of them.

We have only to add in conclusion, that our remaining duties under the act referred to will be performed to the best of our judgment and ability, and with an eye single to the welfare of the State.

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